

Minutes of January 26, 2015 Germantown Town Board Meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan

Not Present: Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig opened the meeting and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the December Town Board Meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to paying Town audited bills was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication by Town Clerk

None reported.

Department Updates

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Took down Christmas decorations
- Painting in the Town Hall.
- Keeping up with the Activity Building.
- Shoveling. Helping out the Highway Department.
- Hot water heater in the Activity Building has been fixed.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Plowing and sanding, going through a lot of sand.
- Columbia Tree cut down a few hazardous trees on Old Sawmill Road and also had them cut down some dead trees on Lasher Ave.
- Hauling sand and mixing, getting ready for the snow tonight.
- 09 ten wheeler had a short and caught on fire they replaced the wires and some of the batteries and its all set.
- Good luck to all in the snow storm tonight.

Supervisor Craig thanked them for repairing and saving the Town a big repair bill.

Sewer

No report.

Police by Roger Rekow

65.5 hours were logged in for the month of December.

- 6 tickets
- 11 warnings
- 1 harassment
- 1 funeral detail
- 1 tree lighting
- 1 EMS assist

Park patrols: Cheviot- 9 times, Anchorage- 11 times, School- 10 times, Palatine Park- 9 times, Dales Bridge- 7 times.

Patrol hours are going down due to training.

History

No report.

Parks & Recreation

No report.

Community, Arts & Tourism

Supervisor Craig reported they had a good meeting and a lot was going on.

Councilman Westmore mentioned that the Germantown Jazz has acts lined up and the committee continues to grow.

Old Business

Supervisor Craig entertained a motion for the authorization to proceed with the CSRW grant application.

Motion to approve the authorization to proceed with the CSRW grant application was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

New Business

Supervisor Craig entertained a motion to reappoint Rao Gaddipati to the Planning Board. Motion to reappoint Rao Gaddipati to the Planning Board was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
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Councilman Westmore: Aye
Councilman Mortenson: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye

Mary Beth Biacone went over the checklist of the supporting documents needed for the CWSRF Grant. She handed out a checklist packet to all of the Town Board members.

Supervisor Craig announced that thanks to Judge Beaury, the Town of Germantown received JCAP grant award of \$7,250 for more improvements.

Supervisor Craig said that Anthony had researched information kiosks to replace the ones that were destroyed in an accident. He came up with some pre built kiosks that seemed sturdier and more weather resistant. For now they will only purchasing one kiosk for now.

Supervisor Craig entertained a motion to approve the purchase of one new kiosk from Dallas Midwest for a price of \$2,169.00 plus shipping.

Motion to approve the purchase of 1 kiosk was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilman Westmore: Aye
Councilman Mortenson: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye

Supervisor Craig announced the proposal for the Dollar General store will be held on January 29, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Kelner Activity Building.

Councilman Westmore mentioned that the application and supporting documents are on the Town website. He urged residents to look it over and study it. Councilman Westmore also mentioned that this meeting is just informational meeting and this is not the time for public comments.

Supervisor's Report

- State of the Town address
- Residents want July 4th celebration continuing.
- Sidewalks close to being signed off. Engineers feel the final okay will be coming shortly. Hoping to breaking ground this spring or summer.
- Sewer is in disrepair. Repairs continue to be made until DEC is satisfied.
- Applied for a Grant to do a study. Submit to seek additional funding.
- Police department is a valuable asset to out town. Hired a consultant who will be working with the police department on things they are doing or things they are not doing.
- Taxes are at 1.56%, would like to continue to keep below the tax cap. Think of ways to save the Town money. A fund balance needed to be made up and manage resources carefully. Had a very good year and looking forward to next year.
- February Town Board meeting will be February 23rd at 7:00pm.

Public

Janet Crawford mentioned that 10-12 Germantown 6th graders would be doing some community service in the Town Hall in the spring. The students will also be doing community service at the Food pantry, Catholic Church and Library.

Janet also asked if some art students could display their art work in the Town Hall, right now they are displayed in the Post office.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,